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World Solidarity Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 55/210 of 20 December 2000, 56/207 of 21 December 2001 and 57/265 of 20 December 2002,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] adopted by heads of State and Government,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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Recalling further the Monterrey Consensus,[2] of the International Conference on Financing for Development, held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002, as well as the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[3] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation[4] of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held at Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund,[5]

1. *Recognizes* the important potential contribution of the World Solidarity Fund to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the objective of reducing by half the proportion of people living on less than one dollar a day and the proportion of the people who suffer from hunger;

2. *Welcomes* the setting up, in February 2003, of the World Solidarity Fund as a trust fund of the United Nations Development Programme, subject to the financial rules and regulations as adopted by the Executive Board of United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take further measures to operationalize the World Solidarity Fund by establishing, on an urgent basis, the high-level committee whose task it is to define the strategy of the Fund and to mobilize the financial resources to enable it to start its activities in the field of poverty alleviation;

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[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.62.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex.

[4] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[5] A/58/72-E/2003/53.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take all necessary measures to publicize the World Solidarity Fund and to raise awareness of its existence among the public and the private sectors as well as civil society;

5. *Encourages* Member States, international organizations, the private sector, relevant institutions, foundations and individuals to contribute to the World Solidarity Fund;

6. *Invites* developing countries to identify projects to be submitted for financing by the World Solidarity Fund, and requests the United Nations Development Programme to cooperate with national authorities in this regard;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2004.

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